

MINNEAPOLIS  
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN

## Faculty Focus

Dear MCAD Faculty,

Following our conversation during the All Faculty Meeting held on October 19, we will convene a Faculty Discussion on Tuesday, November 16 at 12:10-1:00 p.m. in Aud 150 and via [Zoom](#). The discussion will focus on student mental health, accommodations, and formulating strategies to better support faculty. Adjunct faculty members who attend will be compensated at the meeting rate. Please see the related resources [below](#) shared by Beth Stockinger, Director of Student Counseling and Wellness.

Warmly,  
Robert  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

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*All times listed in Central Time*

**PRIORITY DEADLINES****Midterm Grades and Student Alert Reminder**

Midterm grades are due by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26. Please submit Fall 2021 midterm grades in [myMCAD](#) prior to Tuesday, October 26, at 9:00 p.m.

This is also a good time to submit Student Alert notices for any students experiencing attendance or performance issues in your courses. Student Alert forms may be submitted via the Faculty Info tab of [myMCAD](#), under Online Forms. There is no deadline for Student Alerts--please continue to submit them as necessary through the rest of the semester.

Please contact [Records](#) with questions or issues.

**Submit Required Textbooks and Materials for Spring 2022 by Tuesday, November 2**

Read additional details [here](#) and find instructions for entering your textbooks and materials [here](#).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

### Tuesday, November 2: Advising Day for declared undergraduates; no classes

#### Commencement: Nominate a Student Speaker

Now is the time to nominate a graduating BFA or BS student to be the undergraduate commencement class speaker! Please read the following carefully:

We welcome nominations for the undergraduate student speaker for commencement from graduating students as well as faculty. This is a prestigious honor to be chosen class speaker by faculty and peers.

Please use this [form](#) to nominate a student to be speaker. Students can nominate themselves or a peer to speak on behalf of their class.

*Nominations are due by Monday, November 1 by midnight:* Nominated students will be vetted to ensure they meet the requirements as listed on the form.

Friday November 12: Nominated students who meet the requirements will be contacted to share a statement during the commencement meeting at noon in Google Meet, on why they should be voted class speaker. Ballots will be emailed to students.

Friday, November 12 through Monday, November 15: All undergraduate students submit their vote for speaker via a ballot that will be emailed to them.

All graduating undergraduate students will vote for the student speaker via ballot emailed to them on November 12.

Direct any questions to [Jen Zuccola](#), Vice President & Title IX Coordinator, Student Affairs

#### Sign up for MCAD Emergency Text Message Service

MCAD Campus Safety would like to encourage all MCAD students, staff and faculty, to sign up for our emergency text message service. Learn more [here](#)

#### Covid Rapid Testing Option Now Available At MCAD

Learn more [here](#)

#### Design Leadership Institute 2021/22 Fellows [Announced](#)

The Design Leadership Institute is pleased to announce the inaugural cohort for the 2021/2022 program, which includes Seniors from BFA and Second-year MFA students at MCAD. For the next eleven months, the fellows will engage with a team of mentors, like-minded artists and designers, who are invested in their professional and personal growth. Congratulations to Bo Young An, Deanna Ayala, Kalalya Murphy, Aaron Matthew Panaligan, Kallista Salim, Simone Alexa, and Genie Tran.

The Design Leadership Institute is generously supported by the Calmenson Foundation.

#### New Merchandise in the Art Cellar

New merch with the new MCAD logo has finally arrived at the [Art Cellar](#) and is available to purchase.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & KEY DATES

- [Race and Design: Presidential Lecture Series, Zoom](#)
  - Wednesday, October 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- [MFA Fall 2021 Professional Practices Series: Building Your Website](#)
  - Wednesday, October 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Register [here](#)

- See below for some upcoming Visiting Artist Lectures and view the [Fall 2021 Visiting Artist Preview](#) to see more of what's ahead!
- [Visiting Artist Lecture: Angela Morelli of InfoDesignLab](#), [Zoom](#)
  - Thursday, October 28, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- [Visiting Artist Talk: Paul Chan](#), Aud 150
  - Friday, October 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- [Visiting Artist Lecture: Huda Smitshuijzen Abifarès](#), [Zoom](#)
  - Wednesday, November 3, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- [Walker Curator Conversation: Pablo de Ocampo](#), Room 320
  - Friday, November 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- [Yalla Habibi, Arabic Lettering Workshop](#), M450/452
  - Saturday, November 6, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
  - \$20 registration fee; register [here](#)
- [Visiting Artist Lecture: Thomas Hine](#), [Zoom](#)
  - Tuesday, November 9, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- [MFA Fall 2021 Professional Practices Series: Tattoo Artist Panel](#)
  - Wednesday, November 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Register [here](#)
- [Inner Structure-Outer Rhythms: Contemporary Arab & Persian Graphic Design](#), Main Gallery
  - Wednesday, September 1-Saturday, November 6
- [After Hours: Paintings by Continuing Education Students](#), Concourse Gallery
  - Friday, October 1-Sunday, November 7
- Conversations with the VPAA, faculty and staff during the semester
  - For faculty: Noon-1:00 p.m. November 17 and December 8 (*Please note the December date is in place of the previously scheduled October 27 date*)
  - For staff: Noon-1:00 p.m. November 10
  - Please email [Naomi Sack](#) to confirm your attendance.

## RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Training Video for Evaluation Kit

The college has implemented a new course evaluation software called EvaluationKit (EvalKit). This new system integrates with Canvas, providing notifications directly in the College's learning management system (LMS), streamlining the course eval development process, and opening opportunities for more flexible evaluations in the future.

*One key change is that faculty and chairs/directors will have direct access to reports that they can customize based on the information they want.* Here's a [video](#) of how to access your course evaluation reports in the new system. Any hiccups or questions should be directed to [Eleanor Fuchs](#), Director of Accreditation & Assessment.

### Assessment Office Hours

Have questions about assessment at MCAD? Wondering how to make it work for you? Take advantage of Eleanor's office hours every Friday at 11! She's here to answer your questions, brainstorm ideas, or even just share musings. Schedule time with her via [Calendly](#).

### SooVAC Annual Open Call

SooVAC is a long-time partner with the MCAD MFA Program (and was founded by one of its alumni!). Submissions to Curatorial Panel for the fall 2022 through 2023 exhibition seasons are now open with a DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22 BY 11:59 p.m.

SooVAC is so excited to finally open our call for art again...it has been awhile and we cannot wait to see what you have been creating! Artists for solo and group shows are selected through this open call for submissions that is free of charge. This has been our practice since 2010, with the intent of giving as many artists as possible the opportunity to exhibit. Our curatorial panel represents diverse view points both in their arts practice and background. Our current panel consists of Betsy Carpenter, Pao Her, Carolyn Payne, Gregory Rose and Megan Vossler.

Submit and view guidelines and details [here](#)

## RESOURCES FROM STUDENT COUNSELING AND WELLNESS

[Faculty Resource: Creating a Culture of Caring](#) from [Active Minds](#)

[Calming and De-escalation Strategies](#) from [Dartmouth Trauma Interventions Research Center](#)

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## FOR YOUR STUDENTS

### Art Sale Printing Needs

Encourage students to submit orders to the Service Bureau as soon as possible.

Service Bureau staff are happy to give suggestions or talk over paper options or any other questions students might have about printing things for the Art Sale.

MCAD Art Sale Student Resource [Guide](#)

### Call for Submissions: Presidential Correspondence Award

This competition is a chance for student work featured on MCAD's annual holiday card and notecards, which President Sethi uses throughout the year to stay in touch with colleagues, supporters, and partners. It is a great opportunity to have student work shared with a wide audience.

Three pieces will be selected to be featured. One winner will receive a \$500 prize and their piece featured on the annual holiday card. Two more winners will each receive \$300, and their work featured on official MCAD notecards. The work can be any medium, but it must be documented to fit on a 5 x 7 inch card. The cards will feature the artists' statements and links to their portfolios.

Encourage students to [submit](#) by the deadline, November 16

### Students intending to graduate in May 2022?

Intent to graduate forms are [available](#)

### Student Event Opportunities

- [Race and Design: Presidential Lecture Series, Student Event, Zoom](#)
  - Wednesday, October 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

### In-person and virtual workshops for returning students

Various academic support areas (3D Shop, Printshop, Library, Media Center, Service Bureau) will be offering in-person and virtual workshops and demonstrations for students that missed instructions on various tools, processes, and techniques during remote learning. Class demos and presentations are available upon request. Please see the listings [here](#) or reach out to the academic support areas directly for more information.

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